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1. SOVIET AMBASSADOR KALININ TOLD ME TODAY (FEBRUARY 7)

THAT "HULLABALOO" ABOUT FISHING BASE HAD ARISEN SIMPLY BECAUSE SOVIET FISHING FLEET WAS PRESENTLY IN ATLANTIC WATERS NEAR PORTUGAL. SOVIETS HAD SOUGHT "TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE" FOR FLEET OF THE SAME NATURE THAT THEY PRESENTLY RECEIVE IN A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES SUCH AS SPAIN, ALGERIA AND NORWAY. ALL THEY WERE ASKING WAS NORMAL PORT FACILITIES, NOT A BASE OF ANY SORT. NOTHING HAD BEEN DECIDED AND WHOLE MATTER HAD BEEN BLOWN OUT OF PROPORTION BY THE PRESS.

- 2. KALININ SAID SOME THOUGHT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO HAVING SOVIET FISHERIES MINISTER ISHKOV STOP IN LISBON ON WAY BACK FROM PERU (LISBON 694), BUT THIS HAD NOT TAKEN PLACE. ISHKOV WAS ALREADY BACK IN MOSCOW.
- 3. KALININ SAID SOVIETS WERE THINKING OF BUYING MORE WINE AND CORK AND POSSIBLY SOME LIGHT INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS, SUCH AS TEXTILES, FROM PORTUGAL AS A RESULT OF RECENTLY NEGOTIATED COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT. HE STRESSED THAT THIS TRADE WOULD BE AT REGULAR MARKET PRICES. SAID IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHAT SOVIETS COULD EXPORT IN EXCHANGE. THEY WOULD PROBABLY SEND SOME PETROLEUM, BUT PORTUGUESE COULD GET THIS EASIER DIRECTLY FROM MIDDLE EAST.
- 4. IN DISCUSSING FISHING BOAT QUESTION AND TRADE AGREEMENT KALININ REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED SOVIET INTENTION IS TO DEAL WITH PORTUGAL IN THE SAME WAY THEY PRESENTLY DEAL WITH OTHER WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. SAID SOVIET POLICY WAS TO LET PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION TAKE ITS OWN COURSE. HE HOPED THERE WOULD BE NO INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL SCENE HERE SINCE THAT WOULD LEAD TO VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION. I TOLD HIM I FULLY AGREED WITH THAT COURSE OF ACTION FOR ALL CONCERNED.
- 5. COMMENT: KALININ IS A NON-STOP TALKER WHO SPEAKS A FLUENT BUT READILY COMPREHENSIBLE MIXTURE OF PORTUGUESE AND SPANISH. HE SPOKE FREELY ABOUT INTERNAL POLITICAL MATTERS, COMMENTING AT ONE POINT THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED ON RATIONALE BEHIND SINGLE LABOR UNION LEGISLATION BY PORTUGUESE MILITARY. HE EXUDES CONFIDENCE AND HAS THE REPUTATION OF BEING VERY ACTIVE AND EFFECTIVE LOCALLY. CARLUCCI CONFIDENTIAL

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